

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on I-75 near the Clinch River in Anderson County for Mr. Richard Noe.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Richard Noe, one of Anderson County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Noe was born in the coal mining community of Beach Grove and is a lifelong resident of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe constructed numerous bridges in the Knoxville area and worked on virtually all of the Interstate 75 bridges north of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in April of 1972, Mr. Noe fell nearly one hundred feet from a bridge while working on it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe suffered severe injuries from the fall and broke most of the bones in his body; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe was hospitalized for the better part of eighteen months and was left with permanent disabilities from the accident; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe went on to further his education and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1977 with Highest Honors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe then dedicated his professional career to teaching special education classes for the Anderson County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noe continues his commitment to the community by volunteering with several civic clubs, community groups and his church; and

WHEREAS, this body has been requested to name the bridge from which he fell in honor of Richard Noe to commemorate permanently his bountiful life of purpose and commitment and his dedication to his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge on Interstate 75 between the Clinch River and Lake City in Anderson County is hereby designated the "Richard Noe Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge on Interstate 75 between the Clinch River and Lake City in Anderson County as the "Richard Noe Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Anderson County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Anderson County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Anderson County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Anderson County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.